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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - KOREA
TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE
FROM: EA/K - ROBERT G. RICH
1. REACTIONS TO KIM DAE JUNG SENTENCING (C)
WE HAD A FAIR NUMBER OF CONGRESSIONAL CALLS ON WEDNESDAY EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE SENTENCE AND SEEKING FACTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE KOREAN JUDICIAL PROCESS. ONLY CONGRESSMAN DON FRASER'S STAFF TOOK DIRECT ISSUE WITH OUR STATEMENT OF POSTURE.

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PREPARATION OF A STATEMENT SENATOR CHURCH MADE ON THE FLOOR AND OF A LETTER HE AND SENATOR JAVITS PLAN TO SEND TO PRESIDENT CHUN. WHILE THE STATEMENT AND LETTER ARE SKEPTICAL OF THE JUDICIAL PROCESS AND STATE THAT THE SENTENCE IS UNDULY HARSH, THEY EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE APPEALS WILL SET THINGS RIGHT. WOLFF ALSO MADE A SHORT STATEMENT AND SENATOR KENNEDY ISSUED A SHARPLY CRITICAL COMMENT.
WE HAD A LARGE NUMBER OF CALLS FROM REPORTERS WHO PROBED MIGHTILY TO DETERMINE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, WHETHER WE PROVIDED FACTUAL RESPONSES ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS AND STONEWALLED ON SPECULATION ABOUT THE FUTURE OR FURTHER US ACTIONS.

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EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE CALLED IN THE LAST TWO DAYS TO DISCUSS KOREAN EVENTS. THEIR GOVERNMENTS ARE MUCH DISTURBED BY THE OUTCOME OF THE TRIAL AND IN VARYING DEGREES HAVE MADE THEIR VIEWS PUBLIC. THE AUSTRALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MADE AN ESPECIALLY STRONG STATEMENT IN

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PARLIAMENT. WE WERE IN VERY CLOSE TOUCH WITH
AS WE DEVELOPED OUR PUBLIC STATEMENT ON THE SENTENCE. AS A RESULT WE EACH HAD A VERY ACCURATE IDEA OF WHAT THE OTHER'S REACTION WOULD BE. THEY TURNED OUT TO BE QUITE CONSISTENT. (FREER)

2. CHANCERY PLANS POSTPONED (U)

DESPITE A FULL-SCALE PRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY BY FEC BEFORE THE PPG, HOPES TO BEGIN FUNDING FOR A NEW CHANCERY IN SEOUL THIS YEAR HAVE COME TO NAUGHT. BOTH BEIJING AND SEOUL MUST WAIT. IN KOREA, WE ARE THUS SQUEEZED CLOSER

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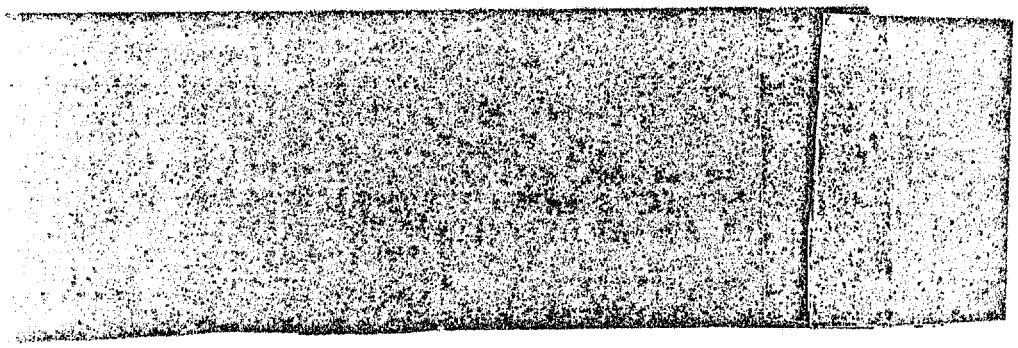
TO THE MOMENT WHEN WE MAY BE FACED WITH COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVES IF WE DO NOT GET UNDERWAY WITH CONSTRUCTION OF A US-OWNED CHANCERY AND HOUSING SOON. (RICH)

3. ROK RED CROSS PRESIDENT APPEALS TO NORTH (U)

ROK NATIONAL RED CROSS CHAIRMAN LEE HC, IN HIS SEPTEMBER 12 LETTER TO HIS NORTH KOREAN COUNTERPART, INDIRECTLY RAISED ONCE AGAIN THE QUESTION OF THE FATE OF 24 KOREAN FISHERMAN DETAINED SINCE JANUARY 26 WHEN THEIR BOAT ALLEGEDLY STRAYED INTO NORTH KOREAN WATERS. LEE NOTED THAT THE RELEASE OF THESE FISHERMEN HAD BEEN LONG DELAYED BY THE NORTH, ALLEGEDLY BECAUSE OF FEAR OF PUNISHMENT IN THE SOUTH, BUT POINTED OUT THE RETURN OF FISHERMEN IN THE PAST HAD EVOKED NO SUCH PUNISHMENT. HE ALSO PROPOSED FOR THE SECOND YEAR IN A ROW THAT THE EIGHTH "FULL DRESS" RED CROSS TALKS BE HELD IN SEOUL FROM OCTOBER 28 THROUGH 31. THE LAST TALKS WERE IN JULY, 1973. (ASHLEY)

4. PYONGYANG OVERTURE (C)



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5. WESTINGHOUSE BULLISH ON KOREA (LOU)

WESTINGHOUSE BOARD CHAIRMAN, ROBERT KIRBY, WAS IN TOWN ON DEC 11TH TO HOST A DINNER FOR VISITING FEDC CHAIRMAN KIM YUNG JOON AND A RECEPTION FOR THIS YEAR'S CROP OF

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PRESIDENTIAL EXECUTIVE EXCHANGEES. HE MET EA/K OFFICERS AT BOTH AFFAIRS AND DESCRIBED HIS TRIP TO KOREA, RECENT KOREAN DEVELOPMENTS AND WESTINGHOUSE'S PROSPECTS IN EUPHORIC TERMS. HE MADE A POINT OF MENTIONING TWICE HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE EMBASSY'S THOUGHTFUL ASSISTANCE.
4. SHUCKS GANG' (RICHMOND)
5. EXIM BANK AND KOREA (C)

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6. RATIONAL RATIONALIZATION? [redacted]

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